PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

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RECORDS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

ON THE ASSASSINATION

OF

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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INTRODUCTION

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, commonly called the Warren Commission from the name of its Chairman, was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson by Executive Order No. 11130 on November 29, 1963. Its purpose was to investigate the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas. The President directed the Commission to evaluate all the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination and the subsequent killing of the alleged assassin and to report its findings and conclusions to him.

The following men were appointed as members of the Commission:

1. Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, former Governor and Attorney General of California, Chairman
2. Richard B. Russell, Democratic Senator from Georgia and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, former Governor of Georgia and county attorney in that State.
3. John Sherman Cooper, Republican Senator from Kentucky, former county and circuit judge in Kentucky and United States Ambassador to India.
4. Hale Boggs, Democratic Representative from Louisiana and majority whip in the House of Representatives.
5. Gerald R. Ford, Republican Representative from Michigan and chairman of the House Republican Conference.
6. Allen W. Dulles, lawyer and former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.
7. John J. McCloy, lawyer, former President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and former United States High Commissioner for Germany.

The tragic events that caused the appointment of the Commission may be briefly summarized. The assassination of President Kennedy and the simultaneous wounding of Governor John B. Connally of Texas was quickly followed by the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department. Shortly afterward Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested by the Dallas police as a suspect in Tippit's murder. On the basis of evidence provided by Federal, State, and local agencies, the State of Texas arraigned Oswald within 12 hours of his arrest, charging him with the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Patrolman Tippit. On November 24, 1963, Oswald was fatally shot in the basement of the Dallas Police Department building by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner.

These events caused many people, both in the United States and abroad, to suspect the existence of a foreign or domestic conspiracy to assassinate the President. Since it was not possible to determine the truth by normal judicial procedures after the death of Oswald, various methods of conducting an investigation were discussed. A State court of inquiry in Texas, an investigation by the grand jury of Dallas County, and investigations by both Houses of Congress were all considered. It was to avoid any possible parallel investigations that President Johnson appointed his Commission.

On December 13, 1963, Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 137 (Public Law 88-202) authorizing the Commission to subpoena witnesses and obtain evidence concerning any matter relating to the investigation. The resolution also gave the Commission the power to compel the

testimony of witnesses by granting immunity from prosecution to witnesses testifying under compulsion. The Commission, however, did not grant immunity to any witness during the investigation.

The Commission acted promptly to obtain a staff to meet its needs. J. Lee Rankin, former Solicitor General of the United States, was sworn in as general counsel for the Commission on December 16, 1963. He was aided in his work by 14 assistant counsel who were divided into teams to deal with the various subject areas of the investigation. The Commission was also assisted by lawyers, Internal Revenue agents, a senior historian, an editor, and secretarial and administrative personnel who were assigned to the Commission by Federal agencies at its request. Officials and agencies of the State of Texas, as well as of the Federal Government, fully cooperated with the Commission in its work.

From the first the Commission regarded the Executive order by which it was appointed as a mandate to conduct a thorough and independent investigation. After reviewing the five-volume report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received on December 9, 1963, it requested the Bureau to furnish the investigative reports on which this general report was based. The first investigative reports submitted in response to this request were delivered to the Commission on December 20, 1963. Other reports were received from the Secret Service, the Department of State, and the attorney general of Texas. After these reports were studied, further requests for information were made, particularly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, and the Central Intelligence Agency. To insure that all possible sources of information would be available, the Commission also sent requests to 24 departments and

agencies of the Government and to four congressional committees for all information in their possession relating to the assassination or the background and activities of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby (see entry 11). The Commission also occasionally used independent experts from State and city governments to obtain information. On several occasions the Commission went to Dallas to visit the scene of the assassination and other places.

Besides the information resulting from investigations, the Commission relied on the testimony of the principal witnesses to the assassination and related events. The Commission and its staff took the testimony of 552 witnesses beginning with its first hearing on February 3, 1964. Of this number, 94 appeared before members of the Commission, 395 were questioned by members of the Commission's legal staff, 61 supplied affidavits, and two gave statements. The Commission's hearings were closed unless a witness requested an open hearing. The testimony of one witness on two occasions was by this rule taken in a public hearing. The Commission by holding closed hearings sought to avoid premature publication of testimony that might interfere with Jack Ruby's right to a fair trial or that might prejudice innocent parties. The Commission also requested Walter E. Craig, President of the American Bar Association, to participate in the investigation and advise the Commission whether in his opinion the proceedings conformed to the basic principles of American justice. Mr. Craig agreed and participated fully in the investigation. This was done in fairness to the alleged assassin and his family and was agreeable to counsel for Oswald's widow.

The Commission presented its Report, in which each member concurred, to the President on September 24, 1964. The publication of the Report at that time was soon followed by the publication of the 26 volumes of the Commission's Hearings. They consist of 15 volumes of testimony and 11 volumes of exhibits (for records relating to the Report, the Hearings, and their publication, see entries 27-33). The Commission then transferred its records to the National Archives to be permanently preserved under the rules and regulations of the National Archives and applicable Federal law.

Josephine Farrar had been detailed by the Office of Records Management of the National Archives and Records Service soon after the appointment of the Commission to supervise the creation and maintenance of its files. Numerous conferences were held between National Archives and Records Service personnel and representatives of the Commission concerning the adoption of a file system and procedures that would help the staff of the Commission in its work. Dr. Alfred Goldberg, senior historian of the Historical Division of the Air Force on detail to the Commission, had a leading part in these meetings. A subject-numeric system was adopted for the Commission's records. A numbered document file was set up for the reports of investigative agencies and other basic documents (see entry 8). Indexing and cross referencing of the Commission's records were accomplished by using extra copies of documents either in whole or in part.

The records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy described in this inventory are part of Record Group 220, Records of Presidential Committees, Commissions, and Boards, in the

National Archives and include about 360 cubic feet of records and related material. They consist of investigative reports submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, and the Central Intelligence Agency; various kinds of documents such as income tax returns, passport files, military and selective service records, and school records relating to the lives of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby; transcripts of testimony, depositions, and affidavits of witnesses; correspondence; manuals of procedures of Federal agencies; administrative memoranda; records relating to personnel; fiscal records; agenda, proceedings, and minutes of Commission meetings and minutes of staff meetings; exhibits; tape recordings, newspapers and press clippings, and films; indexes; drafts and printer's proofs of the Report and Hearings of the Commission; a chronology of events in the lives of Oswald, Ruby, and others, 1959-63; records relating to the interrogation and trial of Jack Ruby; and other records. Most of these records relate to the period of the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, November 1963-September 1964, but some records of earlier and a few of later dates are included. They include all records of the Commission except an undetermined quantity of fiscal records and personnel folders in the custody of the General Services Administration. Related material received from sources other than the Commission are listed in entries 33 and 53 of this inventory. Related material is also in Record Group 200, Gift Motion Pictures in the National Archives (Columbia Broadcasting System News films of programs relating to the Report of the Commission broadcast in 1964 and 1967, including scripts for the 1967 programs),

and Record Group 273, Gift Still Pictures in the National Archives (X-rays and photographs relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy).

RECORDS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION. 1963-64. 4 in. 1

(1) Transcripts of proceedings of the Commission for executive sessions of December 5, 6, and 16, 1963 (no volume number given), January 21 (Volume 4), January 27 (Volume 5), February 24 (Volume 16), March 16 (Volume 24-B), April 30 (Volume 40), May 19 (Volume 45), June 4 (Volume 46), and June 23, 1964 (Volume 55); and (2) minutes of a session on September 18, 1964. The transcripts and minutes relate to the organization and administration of the Commission and the conduct of its investigation. The volumes are numbered in sequence with those of the transcripts of proceedings of hearings of the Commission (see entry 37). Arranged chronologically by date of session.

SUBJECT-NUMERIC FILES AND RELATED RECORDS

FILE CLASSIFICATION MANUAL. May 1964. Negligible. 2

Gives directions for filing the records of the Commission. The manual and a related memorandum indicate that the following classes and symbols were established: (1) Key Persons, including the following listed in this manual: John B. Connally, John F. Kennedy, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, The Paines (Ruth Hyde Paine and

Michael Paine), Jack Ruby, and J. D. Tippit (see entry 9); (2) Other Individuals and Organizations Involved or Interviewed (see entry 10); (3) Subjects, including (a) Governmental Agencies Involved (GA; see entry 11), (b) Investigation and Evidence (INV; see entry 12), (c) Maps, Photos and Press Clippings, Films, Tape Recordings (MP; see entries 13-19; only a few items involving maps have been found in this series), (d) Presidential Commission (PC; see entries 20 and 21), (e) Protection of the President (PP; see entry 22), and Public Comments and Inquiries (PUB; see entries 23 and 24); and (4) Reports and Source Materials (REP; see entries 8, 27-32, and 34). A "relative index" to the manual serves as a guide to particular subjects in the files.

REGISTER OF LETTERS RECEIVED ("INCOMING MAIL LOG"). Dec. 20, 1963-Nov. 20, 1964. 2 in. 3

Looseleaf register showing date letter was received, name of writer, subject of letter, and sometimes the name of the person to whom the letter was referred. Includes entries for letters transmitting reports or giving information to the Commission (see entry 8), letters containing comments and inquiries from the public (see entries 23 and 24), and letters relating to the administration of the Commission's affairs (see entries 11, 13, 17, 20, and 34). Entries are chronological by date of receipt of letter.

LIST OF NUMBERED COMMISSION DOCUMENTS ("LIST OF BASIC SOURCE MATERIALS"). 1964. 1 in. 4

Numerical list of the investigative reports and other basic documents received by the Commission. Shows number of document, source, name of agent and field office for investigative reports, identification of the

document, date, and security classification. For the documents and related indexes, see entries 5-8.

INDEX TO NAMES IN SECRET SERVICE REPORTS. 1964. 4 ft. withheld 5

Electrostatic copy of Secret Service index, on 3" x 5" cards, to names of persons, businesses, radio stations, and miscellaneous subjects. Also included are such matters as "Welcome Mr. Kennedy to Dallas," the title of an advertisement appearing in the Dallas Times Herald on November 22, 1963. Entries show name or other matter involved; control number of Secret Service report (see entry 8), in which the name or subject is mentioned; and the file number for the Oswald investigation (CO-2-34,030).

INDEX TO ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE AND OTHER NUMBERS IN SECRET SERVICE REPORTS. 1964. 1 ft. withheld 6

Electrostatic copy of Secret Service index, on 3" x 5" cards, to addresses, telephone numbers, and miscellaneous numbers such as car license and registration numbers, social security numbers, and Selective Service numbers involved in the investigation. Entries show address or number involved, control number or numbers of Secret Service reports among the Commission Documents (see entry 8) in which the address or number was mentioned, Secret Service file number for the case (CO-2-34,030), and name of person involved. Arranged as follows: (1) addresses (a) alphabetically by name or numerically by number of street and (b) a few alphabetically by name of city, thereunder alphabetically by name of street; (2) telephone numbers in part alphabetically and thereunder numerically and in part in straight numerical order; (3) miscellaneous numbers in part alphabetically and thereunder numerically and in part in straight numerical order.

NAME INDEX TO CERTAIN COMMISSION DOCUMENTS. 1964. 1.5 ft. 7

On 5" x 8" cards, showing names of persons mentioned in early Commission Documents (see entry 8), sometimes identifications and addresses, and numbers of the documents in which the persons were mentioned. Prepared for the use of staff members working on the "Ruby Area" of the investigation. Commission Document 54 was the last document indexed. Arranged alphabetically by name of person. For the documents, see entry 8.

NUMBERED COMMISSION DOCUMENT FILE. 1963-64, with some records of earlier dates. 30 ft. 8

Consists mainly of investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a lesser extent of reports from the Secret Service and the Central Intelligence Agency. Includes the comprehensive reports submitted to the President in December 1963 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Department, and the Secret Service, as well as the investigative reports and other documents on which they were based; other reports and copies of files submitted by these agencies, the Central Intelligence Agency, and other departments and agencies at the request of the Commission; documents relating to the assassination and the lives of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby submitted by the Attorney General of Texas, the Dallas Police Department, and other agencies in Texas and other states; a few letters from private citizens and copies of publications; and other records. A few of the documents are missing. Arranged numerically by Commission Document number, 1-1555. Much of the material in entries 9-12 of this inventory consists of copies of documents or parts of documents from this file arranged by name or subject for reference use of the Commission's staff. For a

related list and indexes relating to some of the documents, see entries 4-7.

RECORDS RELATING TO "KEY PERSONS." 1963-64, with some records of earlier dates. 30 ft. 9

A name file for reference purposes relating to 589 persons. Includes one or more folders for each of the 552 witnesses who testified before the Commission, gave depositions, or made affidavits, and for other persons who were involved in the investigation to a significant extent. Consists chiefly of electrostatic copies, but also includes carbon copies and a few signed original documents. Among the papers are Commission Documents (see entry 8); transcripts of testimony, depositions, and affidavits given by the witnesses; memoranda concerning the background of the persons involved, establishing schedules for hearing witnesses, or suggesting areas of investigation; covering letters transmitting depositions; 33 tape recordings relating to the activities of Mark Lane; and other records. Often the papers consist only of individual pages relating to particular persons, these pages having been separated from the documents to which they belong. Some of the documents are security classified. The records relating to the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald (5 ft.), are divided into four periods of his life, the pre-Russian period (1939-59), the Russian Period (1959-62), the post-Russian period (1962-63), and his murder by Jack Ruby. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

RECORDS RELATING TO "OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED OR INTERVIEWED." 1963-64. 17 ft. 10

A name file for reference purposes relating chiefly to persons who were involved in the investigation in a minor way in comparison with those in the "Key Persons" series (see entry 9), but also including records relating

organizations or establishments such as the John Birch Society, the Carousel Club, the Communist Party, [illegible], the Vegas Club, and The Worker. Records relating to Government agencies are in a separate series (see entry 11). Composed mainly of electrostatic copies of investigative reports or parts of such reports from investigative agencies (see entry 8), in which the persons or organizations in this series were mentioned or the results of interviews with them were reported. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or establishment.

RECORDS RELATING TO "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES INVOLVED." 1963-64, with some records of earlier dates. 3 ft. 11

Correspondence with Federal, State, and local government agencies involving the initial request of the Commission to Federal departments and agencies and Congressional committees for all information in their files relating to the subject matter of the investigation, and additional requests to Federal, State, and local agencies for information as the investigation developed. Includes copies of Commission Documents (see entry 8). Both the records relating to State agencies and two folders relating to foreign countries contain documents received from Federal investigative agencies. The files also contain documents received directly from the State agencies and from foreign governments. Arranged by Federal agencies, State and local agencies, and foreign countries; thereunder alphabetically by Federal agency, State, city, or country; and thereunder chronologically by date of document. There are separate folders for Dallas and New Orleans at the end of the records relating to cities.

RECORDS RELATING TO "INVESTIGATION AND EVIDENCE." 1963-64. 5 ft. 12

A subject file for reference purposes relating to the assassination, consisting of copies of all or parts of Commission Documents (see entry 8) and other Commission records relating to specific subjects involved such as the assassination site, the arrest and interrogation of Lee Harvey Oswald, evidence tending to show the guilt of Oswald, information concerning other suspects, witnesses, and other matters. Arranged by a subject-numeric filing system.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PHOTOGRAPHS AND PRESS CLIPPINGS. 1963-64. Negligible. 13

Concerns the acquisition and use of photographs and press clippings by the Commission. Arranged chronologically by date of letter.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS RELATING TO PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS. 1964. 2 in. 14

Copies of investigative reports by the FBI relating to such subjects as (1) the identification of photographers and the time, place, and type of camera involved in taking certain photographs and motion picture films; and (2) the identification by Marina Oswald of certain photographs found among Lee Harvey Oswald's possessions. Some are identified as Commission Documents or parts of these documents (see entry 8). Included are a few items involvin maps. Arranged chronologically by date of report.

PHOTOGRAPHS. 1963. 4 in. 15

Includes negatives and glossy prints. The prints show scenes at the Texas School Book Depository Building, in the Dallas Police Department building the night after the assassination of President Kennedy, in the basement of the Police Department building at the time of the murder of

Oswald, and at other places in Dallas. Arranged by source of the pictures. Other photographs are filed in other series of the Commission records, including the Commission Documents and reference files (see entries 8-12) and exhibits (see entries 30 and 42).

PRESS CLIPPINGS AND NEWSPAPERS. 1961-64. 10 ft. 16

Original press clippings, electrostatic copies of press clippings, and whole copies of certain newspapers. The clippings are partly arranged by subject. Other press clippings and copies of clippings are filed in other series of the Commission's records, including the Commission Documents and reference files (see entries 8-12), the exhibits (see entry 42), and the letters received by the Commission (see entries 23 and 24).

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO FILMS AND TAPE RECORDINGS. 1963-64. 5 in. 17

Concerns the acquisition and use of motion picture films, radio tapes, and television tapes and films by the Commission. Arranged chronologically by date of letter.

FILMS. 1963. 6 in. 18

Includes the following: (1) one 16 mm. reel consisting of (a) silent WDSU-TV (New Orleans) film taken on August 16, 1963, of Lee Harvey Oswald distributing literature on behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and on August 12, 1963, outside the Municipal Court at New Orleans on the day of Oswald's court appearance; and (b) a sound film interview on August 21, 1963, at the WDSU studios shortly after a radio program in which Oswald participated; (2) an 8 mm. film entitled "President Kennedy's Final Hour," produced by Dallas Cinema Associates, Inc., from films taken by photo-

graphers along the route of the President's motorcade; (3) a 16 mm. film of the Presidential motorcade taken by an unidentified amateur photographer, furnished to the Commission by Wolper Productions, Inc.; (4) a 16 mm. film which includes scenes of District Attorney Wade of Dallas speaking in the Dallas Police Department building and some silent film; (5) a 16 mm. film of Lee Harvey Oswald speaking in the assembly room of the Dallas Police Department; (6) a 16 mm. film of unidentified origin, accompanied by an explanatory Secret Service memorandum, showing an aerial view of the site of the assassination and an interview with a gunsmith concerning Oswald's rifle and the mounting of telescopic sites; (7) Reels 65 and 66 of 16 mm. National Broadcasting Company film relating to the shooting of Oswald; (8) and an 8 mm. United Press International film showing only a title relating to the assassination. Arranged as listed. For the Zapruder (CE904), Nix (CE905), and Muchmore (CE906) films, see entry 42. For the Zapruder slides (CD858), see entry 8.

RADIO TAPE RECORDINGS. 1963. 12 ft.

Includes (1) a recording of Lee Harvey Oswald's radio interview in New Orleans after his arrest in connection with his activities for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee; (2) a recording of an interview with Father Huber, who administered the last rites to President Kennedy; (2) tapes of broadcasts by Dallas radio stations and the Voice of America for the period of the assassination and its aftermath, Nov. 22-27, 1963, accompanied by outlines of the contents of the Dallas tapes. Other tape recordings are in other series of the Commission's records (see entries 8, 11, and 44). The

Dallas and Voice of America tapes are arranged alphabetically by station that made the original broadcast and thereunder numerically by number of tape.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS. 1963-64. 5 ft. 20

Records relating to the administration, organization, and functions of the Commission, including (a) correspondence and office memoranda of General Counsel J. Lee Rankin relating to such general administrative matters as payment of Commission expenses, arrangements for hearings of the Commission, publication of the Report of the Commission, organization of the Commission's records, and transfer of its records and certain exhibits to the National Archives; (b) a notebook listing long distance telephone calls of the Commission and its staff; (c) time and attendance reports of employees; (d) accounting records relating to payment of salaries and expenses; (e) memoranda and form letters relating to the handling of correspondence; (f) receipts for classified documents, marked "Top Secret," "Secret" or "Confidential"; (g) receipts for physical exhibits, for published volumes of exhibits, for registered mail, and for transcripts of testimony; (h) correspondence of the General Counsel and the staff relating to the use of the facilities of the Library of Congress and the Library of the Supreme Court of the United States; (i) agenda of Commission meetings, with attached documents for consideration, including investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service; (j) press releases; (k) records relating to personnel, such as applications for employment, personnel actions, appointment affidavits, biographical sketches of staff

members, and correspondence; (1) records relating to security clearances of consultants and employees; and (m) records relating to supplies and equipment, telephone service, and travel.

MEMORANDA AND MINUTES CONCERNING CONFERENCES AND STAFF MEETINGS. 1964. 2-
Negligible.

(1) Two memoranda summarizing conferences between representatives of the Commission and of other agencies concerning matters involved in the investigation of the assassination; and (2) minutes and memoranda in the nature of minutes of staff meetings at which (a) the Chief Justice stated the reasons for his undertaking his duties as Chairman of the Commission; (b) a deadline was set for submitting comprehensive memoranda reviewing the investigative materials available and outlining a future course of action; (c) the question of the proper handling of allegations that Oswald was an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other investigative agencies was discussed; (d) a target date was set for the preparation of indexes and preliminary memoranda on the areas for which members of the staff were responsible; (e) General Counsel Rankin discussed the staff's functions; (f) a "leak" of the testimony of Robert Oswald was discussed; and similar matters relating to the investigation were discussed. Arranged chronologically by date of document.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE "PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT." 1954, 1963-64. 2
1 ft.

(1) Secret Service documents consisting of the following: (a) "Principles of Protection of the President and Other Dignitaries," a manual of the Secret Service School dated January 4, 1954; (b) a report on "Parade

Routes," dated July 10, 1964, by the Dallas Office of the Service concerning the most commonly used parade routes in Dallas (CD 1499 in order 8), (c) "Report of the U.S. Secret Service on the Assassination of President Kennedy," dated December 18, 1963, in 2 volumes (CD3); and (2) other records consisting of a memorandum entitled "Appendix 18/A Brief History of Presidential Protection," other memoranda concerning Presidential protection, and correspondence of the Commission with the Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, and other agencies, including investigative reports, concerning (a) measures for the protection of the President before and during the trip to Texas, (b) criticism of Secret Service agents for alleged misconduct in Fort Worth, (c) damage to the windshield of the President's car, (d) the "bubbletop" belonging to the car, (e) reported threats against President Kennedy, (f) evaluation of present measures for the President's protection, (g) other assassinations or attempted assassinations, and (h) additional measures required. Arranged as listed above and thereunder chronologically.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO "PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES." 1963-64. 4 ft. 23

Correspondence, memoranda, and investigative reports relating to public reaction to the appointment of the Commission and to its work. Includes both critical and favorable comment. Many letters enclose newspaper clippings or magazine stories. Arranged in the following sections:

(1) Excerpts and comments in United States publications,

(2) Excerpts and comments in foreign publications,

(3) Excerpts and comments in Russian publications,

(4) The "hate atmosphere" in Dallas,

(5) Anonymous communications

(6) Individual citizens, and

(7) Congress, which consists of only one letter.

Sections 1-5 are arranged chronologically by date under each section; section 6 is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE. 1963. 1 ft. 24

Letters to the Chief Justice dated before the Commission began its hearings, with a few addressed to the President, expressing opinions about the assassination and the investigation, giving advice, or encouraging the Commission in its work. Many enclose newspaper clippings. Arranged alphabetically by name of writer.

ALPHABETICAL FILES OF OUTGOING LETTERS AND INTERNAL MEMORANDA. 1963-64. 2 ft. 25

Green copies filed in the following sections: (1) General, consisting of letters to the general public concerning such matters as the conduct of the investigation, employment by the Commission, and views on the work of the Commission; (2) Internal, consisting of copies of memoranda and letters among members of the Commission and its staff; and (3) Government, consisting of copies of letters to persons in Government agencies. Arranged alphabetically by name of addressee within each section.

READING FILE OF OUTGOING LETTERS AND INTERNAL MEMORANDA. 1963-64. 1 ft. 26

White copies of the material in entry 25 arranged chronologically by date of letter.

Records Relating to the Publication of the Report of the Commission

RECORDS RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 2 ft. 27

(1) Correspondence and memoranda, arranged chronologically, among Commission and staff members concerning corrections and revisions of the Report and correspondence between the Commission and the Central Intelligence Agency concerning permission to publish certain documents; (2) various sections of the Report dated from June to September 1964, some of which are labeled "Draft," "Third Draft," "Proposed Final Draft," or "Final Draft," arranged chronologically and filed behind a guide card labeled "Preliminary Report of the Commission"; and (3) preliminary summaries of evidence available in February 1964, drafts of sections of the Report, and memoranda concerning revisions and corrections, filed by name of staff member preparing the section of the Report involved.

MANUSCRIPT OF THE REPORT AND HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 30 ft. 28

Original typewritten manuscript of the final report of the Commission to the President, with printer's marks and editorial corrections; transcripts of proceedings of hearings of the Commission used as manuscript, with printer's marks, for the Hearings of the Commission; and copies of exhibits used by the Government Printing Office in volumes XVI-XXVI of the Hearings. For the original transcripts of proceedings of hearings, see entries 37, 38, and 40; for the originals and other copies of exhibits, see entry 42.

INDEX TO NAMES OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 2 ft. 29

Original copy of index on 3" x 5" cards, with printer's marks and

editorial revisions, to names of witnesses testifying and persons referred to in the testimony of the Commission, at the end of which the index is published (Hearings, Vol. XV, p. 753-801). Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS RELATING TO DEPOSITIONS. 1964. 3 in. 30

Original copy with printer's marks and editorial revisions, on 3" x 5" cards, of index to Commission exhibits introduced in connection with depositions of witnesses. Published in Hearings of the Commission (Vol. XV, p. 813-826). Page numbers given in the index are those on which the specified exhibit is mentioned in the Hearings. Arranged alphabetically by name of witness and thereunder numerically by number or alphabetically by designating letter of exhibit.

GALLEY PROOF OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 2 ft. 31

Printer's galley proof of the Report of the Commission. Contains editorial revisions, sometimes of paragraph or sentence length.

PAGE PROOF OF THE REPORT AND HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 10 ft. 32

Printer's page proof of the Report and Hearings, including certain exhibits, of the Commission. The page proof of the Report contains stylistic changes of words or phrases. Approved for printing by General Counsel J. Lee Rankin.

RECORDS OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE RELATING TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION. Apr. 8-Dec. 4, 1964. 8 ft. 33

A duplicate of the presentation copy of the Report of the Commission that was presented to the President by the Commission on September 24, 1964, at the White House; a photograph of this copy; a file of correspondence,

memoranda, dummy pages, proofs, and other working papers relating to the production and sale of the Report and Hearings of the Commission, and photographic negatives used in the production of the Report and Hearings. The file includes a copy of a letter of December 1, 1964, from the Public Printer to the Archivist of the United States transmitting the presentation copy to the National Archives and explaining the circumstances of its production. The correspondence and memoranda are arranged chronologically by date of document. The negatives are arranged in acordance with the Report and Hearings.

CORRESPONDENCE ON PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT AND HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 4 in. 34

Staff memoranda and correspondence of the Commission with Government agencies and with the public concerning the printing and distribution of the Report and Hearings of the Commission. Arranged chronologically by date of letter.

RECORDS RELATING TO TESTIMONY

NOTEBOOK RELATING TO WITNESSES AND THEIR TESTIMONY. 1964. 1 in. 35

Looseleaf notebook containing rough notes; lists of depositions charged out to a staff member; lists of witnesses who testified before the Commission or from whom depositions were taken, including a list arranged numerically by volume of depositions in which the witness's testimony appears (see entry 40); copies of memoranda and correspondence; a summary dated May 7, 1964, of the testimony of witnesses from whom depositions had been taken up to that time, with an attached index by name of witness; and records relating to a court reporter's bill for his services in taking depositions. Arranged in sections tabbed "Witnesses,"

"Depositions," and "Depositions Received."

SUBJECT INDEX TO PROCEEDINGS OF HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION. 1964. 36
5 in.

On 5" x 8" cards, giving volume and page number of the proceedings of hearings on which appears testimony of witnesses relating to various subjects connected with the investigation of the assassination. Arranged by the subject-numeric system set up for the Commission's records (see entry 2) and thereunder alphabetically by name of witness.

PROCEEDINGS OF HEARINGS. 1964. Vols. 6-60. 4 ft. 37

Transcripts of proceedings of the Commission during which testimony of witnesses was heard. The volumes are numbered in sequence with those of the transcripts of proceedings of executive sessions of the Commission (see entry 1). For Volume 57, see entry 46. Arranged chronologically by date of session. For copy of these transcripts used in the Hearings of the Commission, see entry 28.

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSIONS AT WHICH TESTIMONY OF MARK LANE WAS HEARD. Mar. 4, 1964; July 2, 1964. Vols. 1 and 2. Negligible. 38

Transcripts of proceedings of the Commission at sessions at which testimony of Mark Lane, attorney for Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, was heard. Volumes are numbered separately from those in the preceding series. For copy of these transcripts used in the Hearings of the Commission, see entry 28.

STENOTYPE NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS. Jan. 21-Sept. 15, 1964. 6 ft. 39

These notes were turned over to the Commission for destruction by Ward and Paul, Official Reporters. The notes are still in their original

form in sealed packages. Arranged chronologically by date of notes. Filed at the end of the series are a reporter's notebook, six sound recordings, and six photographic negatives relating to depositions.

DEPOSITIONS. 1964. 9 ft. 40

Both typewritten copies and processed copies of depositions of witnesses. There are also summaries of depositions. Arranged numerically by volume number. There is a numerical list of the volumes showing the names of witnesses whose depositions appear in them in the notebook relating to witnesses and their testimony (see entry 35). For copy of these depositions used in the Hearings of the Commission, see entry 28.

LIST OF EXHIBITS. 1964. 1 in. 41

Shows number and identification of Commission Exhibits 760-3137.

EXHIBITS AND OTHER EVIDENCE. 1964. 70 ft. 42

(1) Originals and copies of exhibits, including artifacts, textual records, and photographs, received by the Commission in connection with testimony or relied upon by the Commission in its Report. Arranged (a) in part numerically by Commission exhibit number and (b) in part alphabetically by name of person giving deposition and numerically or alphabetically thereunder. For copies of exhibits used in the Hearings of the Commission, see entry 28. (2) Other evidence not assigned an exhibit number by the Commission. Arranged numerically by Federal Bureau of Investigation number.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

LARGE VISUAL AIDS. 1964. Two large scale models and 6 in. of maps and photographs. 43

testimony, correspondence, memoranda, and other material of the Commission relating to areas of the investigation for which the staff members were responsible; newspaper clippings; and drafts of sections of the Report of the Commission with revisions and marginal suggestions for revisions. Arranged alphabetically by name of staff member with the working papers, 27 dictaphone belts, and three NBC audio tapes of a "special project" for the use of video and audio tapes filed at the end.

OSWALD - RUBY CHRONOLOGY AND SUMMARY OF CHRONOLOGY. May 1964. 8 vols. 5 in. 45

Chronology of events in the lives of Oswald, Ruby, and other principals investigated by the Commission, for the period from September 1959 to November 24, 1963. Citations to sources of information among the records of the Commission are given. The seven volume chronology is condensed in the one volume summary.

"REPORT OF MEETING OF MEMBERS OF STAFF." July 9, 1964. 1 vol. 1 in. 46

Transcript of a meeting at which General Counsel J. Lee Rankin, other members of the staff, and John J. McCloy and Allen W. Dulles, members of the Commission, were present. The purpose of the meeting was "an informal colloquy, interrogation, and explanation by [Drs. Dale C. Cameron, Howard P. Rome, and David A. Rothstein] in regard to their observations from material furnished to them" relating to a psychiatric interpretation of Lee Harvey Oswald. Includes a general discussion with personal points of view set forth. The volume is not numbered, but the numbering of the pages (7821-8071) indicates that it was Volume 57 of the transcripts of the Commission (see entry 37).

INDEXES TO SUBJECTS RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION AND TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 1964. 4 in. 47

Two incomplete indexes on 5" x 8" cards to various subjects relating to (1) the assassination, such as the blanket in which Oswald kept his rifle wrapped, clothing he wore on the day of the assassination, fingerprints, and Oswald's movements in the Texas School Book Depository Building; and (2) Oswald's life in general, such as a reported interest in buying a car, his contacts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, his use of the name "Hidell," and job applications he made. Citations to sources are given.

OUTLINE OF EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION, 1964. 9 in. 48

Outline typed on 5" x 8" cards summarizing evidence relating to (1) the site of the assassination; (2) the weapon used; (3) its ownership; (4) activities of Lee Harvey Oswald, owner of the gun, before the assassination; (5) activities of Oswald in Texas Schoolbook Depository Building after the assassination; (6) activities of Oswald after leaving the building; (7) murder of Officer J. D. Tippit; (8) flight and apprehension of Oswald in Texas Theater; (9) interrogation of Oswald at Dallas Police Station; (10) miscellaneous evidence and inconsistencies; (11) tentative conclusions; and (12) limitation of analysis of area of inquiry of Joseph A. Ball and David W. Belin. Citations to sources are given. Arranged by subjects as listed and thereunder by related subdivisions.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE INTERROGATION AND TRIAL OF JACK RUBY. 1964. 1 ft. 49

Depositions relating to Jack Ruby, transcripts of his trial in Dallas for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, and his testimony before the Commission.